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**FIVE PHILADELPHIA CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS  
CHARGED WITH CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS**

PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan, F.B.I. Special Agent-in-Charge Jack Eckenrode, and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the unsealing of an indictment<sup>1</sup> charging five prison guards at Philadelphia Industrial Correctional Center (PICC) with conspiracy to violate civil rights and deprivation of civil rights.

According to the indictment, Anthony Morant, Milton Gibbs, Arnel Alanguilan, Joseph Murray, and Troy Lindsey sought retribution against an inmate for his role in a June 14, 2004 prison disturbance at PICC. The defendants allegedly exacted that retribution against the inmate by repeatedly punching, kicking, striking, and pummeling him.

“It is important that we work to protect the civil rights of all citizens,” said Meehan. “Correctional officers are responsible for maintaining order and dispensing discipline. However, there is a line that they simply can’t cross.”

On June 14, 2004 at PICC, defendant Milton Gibbs electronically opened Unit J Cell No. 13, which then housed the inmate, who exited the cell. Gibbs then confronted the inmate who was standing in the hallway outside of the cell.

According to the indictment, Gibbs then ordered the inmate to remove all of his clothing. Defendants Anthony Morant, Arnel Alanguilan, Joseph Murray, and Troy Lindsey then joined Gibbs, who ordered the now nude inmate to reenter the cell.

Gibbs and Morant then entered the cell and began repeatedly punching and kicking the inmate. While the inmate was nude in a fetal position on the floor of the cell, Alanguilan, Murray, and Lindsey then joined Gibbs and Morant in striking and pummeling him.

If convicted, defendants Gibbs, Alanguilan, Murray, and Lindsey face a maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment, a \$500,000 fine, and three years of supervised release. Defendant Morant faces a maximum sentence of 30 years imprisonment, a \$750,000 fine, and three years of supervised release.

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<sup>1</sup>An indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, investigators from the Philadelphia Prisons, and the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Linwood C. Wright, Jr. and Special Assistant United States Attorney Sybil Murphy (of the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office).

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	MONTH/YEAR OF BIRTH
ANTHONY MORANT	April 1964
MILTON GIBBS	January 1964
ARNEL ALANGUILAN	January 1968
JOSEPH MURRAY	December 1966
TROY LINDSEY	January 1969

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